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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Article 6 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, as amended by the General Assembly in paragraph 4 of section VII of its resolution 55/224 of 23 December 2000, provides as follows:

> "Article 6
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> "Staff pension committees
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> "(a) The United Nations Staff Pension Committee shall consist of four members and four alternate members elected by the General Assembly, four members and two alternate members appointed by the Secretary-General, and four members and two alternate members, who shall be participants in the Fund and on the staff of the United Nations, elected by the participants in service in the United Nations by secret ballot.
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> "(b) The elected members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee shall hold office for four years or until the election of their successors, and they shall be eligible for re-election; in the event that such an elected member or alternate member ceases to be a member of the Committee, another member or alternate member may be elected to hold office during the remainder of the term.
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> "(c) The staff pension committees of the other member organizations shall consist of members and alternate members chosen by the body of the organization corresponding to the General Assembly, its chief administrative officer, and its participants in service, in such a manner that the number representing each shall be equal and, in the case of the participants, that the members and alternate members shall themselves be participants in the service of the organization. Each member organization shall make rules for the

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election or appointment of the members and alternate members of its staff pension committee."

2. The present members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee, appointed by the General Assembly whose terms of office expire on 31 December 2004, are the following:

Mr. Kenshiro Akimoto (Japan)
Ms. Valeria María González Posse (Argentina)
Mr. Andrei Vitalievitch Kovalenko (Russian Federation)
Mr. Gerhard Kuntzle (Germany)
Mr. Lovemore Mazemo (Zimbabwe)
Mr. Philip Richard Okanda Owade (Kenya)
Mr. Md. Mustafizur Rahman (Bangladesh)
Mr. Thomas Repasch (United States of America)

3. Accordingly, it will be necessary for the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session to elect four members and four alternate members to the Committee to serve for a period of four years, beginning on 1 January 2005.

4. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the fifty-ninth session.